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For: WASTE BALANCING FOR EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD TREATMENT SYSTEMS		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following new subheading and paragraph immediately after the title and before the first paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a national stage of PCT/US2004/000921, filed January 14, 2004, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/441,176, filed January 15, 2003.

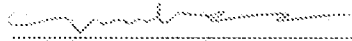
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a benefit claim for prior application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3840. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

Respectfully submitted,

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